

# Nesting Raptor Monitor

## Volunteer Position Description

Department City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks  
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### Summary of Position

The purpose of the raptor monitoring program is to better protect nest sites along the Front Range. Volunteers provide weekly information to OSMP staff about the status of nests; they also report closure violators. Increased information allows staff to make better resource management decisions.

### Responsibilities

- \* Monitor raptor nest and roost sites with binoculars or park provided spotting scope
- \* Fill out observation reports and return reports in a timely manner
- \* Keep closure information confidential
- \* Abide by the rules and regulations of the department

### Qualifications

- \* Bird identification skills, including familiarity with birds of prey
- \* Desire to work outdoors and able to work independently
- \* Able to hike steep trails safely, possibly in inclement weather
- \* Able to observe sites for several hours at a time
- \* Possession of binoculars is very helpful
- \* Have a commitment to the mission and goals of the department
- \* Must be at least 18 years old

### Commitment

All new volunteers must attend a mandatory training in late January. Additional field training will follow. Volunteers must commit to a minimum of **4 hours per week** during the breeding season. Nests are typically occupied from early February until late July.

Space in this program is limited and only a few volunteers are selected. Rangers will supervise volunteers in this program. The application deadline is the second Friday of January. For more information, call 720-564-2014 or visit our web site at [www.OSMP.org](http://www.OSMP.org).